Participation of Private Sector in irrigation projects

16. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not so far invited Private Sector for implementation of irrigation projects in the country;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to open the same for multinationals to participate therein;

(c) whether number of irrigation projects are pending for want of funds; and

(d) how many offers have come from private sectors to participate in irrigation projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) For examining

e feasibility and scope of private sector participation in Irrigation and Multi-Pur-pose Projects, the Government constituted a high level Committee which submitted its report on 22nd December, 1995. The Committee concluded that while private sector participation is feasible in respect of all irrigation (surface and ground water) and multi-purpose projects, it would be desirable to introduce this on pilot basis for selected projects. After finalisation of necessary guidelines based on the recommendations of the Committee, the State Governments are to take initiatives in respect of private sector participation in irrigation and multi-purpose projects.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No offer has been received at the Centre from private sectors to participate in irrigation projects.

Deployment of Agni and Prithvi Missiles

17. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJ-ARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made with regard to the development of Prithvi and Agni missiles so far; and

(b) the time by when these are likely to be deployed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Surface-to-surface missile PRITHVI has been successfully developed. Re-entry technology demonstrator project 'AGNI' has also been successfully completed. However, AGNI project did not envisage development of a missile system.

(b) It is not in national security interest to disclose such details.

रक्षा परियोजनाओं का पूरा न किया जाना

18. श्री अजीत जोगी: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रक्षा क्षेत्र की कुछ निर्माण परियोजनाओं का कार्य रुक गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है और ऐसी परियोजनाओं को पूरा न किए जाने के मुख्य कारण क्या हैं;

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप लागत में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इन परियोजनाओं को समय पर पूरा करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री मुलायम सिंह यादव): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

राजधानी में यातायात-प्रणाली में सुधार किया जाना

19. श्री इकबाल सिंह: क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने दिल्ली में बेहतर यातायात प्रणाली उपलब्ध कराने के लिए कोई विस्तृत कार्य-योजना तैयार की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली में विकट बन चुकी यातायात की समस्या का समाधान करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?